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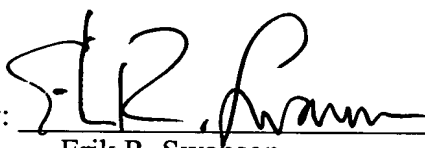
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	A05	DE 32 02 586	Aug. 4, 1983	DE-Germany			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/011856; see abstract	
	A06	DE 197 55 916	Jun. 17, 1999	DE-Germany			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/011856; see abstract	
	A07	DE 2 220 425	Nov. 15, 1973	DE-Germany			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/011856; discussed in specification	
	A08	DE 1 959 207	May 27, 1971	DE-Germany			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/011856	
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

A18	International Search Report for PCT/EP2004/011956 (3 pages)
A19	Miele & Cie. KG: "Miele Professional; Hotellerie, Gastronomie; Waeschereimaschinen " [Hotel, Restaurant Washing Machines], Model T 6251, (6 pages) [discussed on page 2 of specification]
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